

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 85-01

(Adopted December 11, 1985)

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING WAIVER REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN
MEDICAL SCHOOL LICENSURE APPLICANTS

The Board is granting waivers of some of the educational requirements today based solely on equity considerations related to the situations of physicians already in the middle of training programs. This is not a finding that their education is substantially equivalent to that of American graduates. These waivers do not necessarily mean that the Board will automatically grant full licenses for these applicants. For future limited licenses, the Board will also require detailed reports from these applicants' program directors.

We want to put hospitals and future applicants on notice that we intend to require strict compliance with our regulations for applicants requesting licenses in 1986. For these new applicants, we will grant waivers only in extraordinary circumstances.